

THE RECTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends of St. Francis Church,

I pray that you and your families are well! Perhaps when we consider those forces in the world arrayed against those who follow Christ, we are tempted to become discouraged. Remember, though, that supernatural hope is rooted not in the dependability of creatures, but in God and His ability and willingness to save us and bring us to heaven.

Perhaps, too, we realize that there are even those within the Church who oppose and undermine her teachings. But we must not allow this to discourage us, either, for Our Lord foretold that it would be so. The Gospel today presents the Kingdom of Heaven, that is, the Church, under the image of a field, in which an enemy oversows cockle among the good man's wheat. This is to show that, not merely between the Church and the world, but even within the Church herself, the good and the bad will be side by side. But the good man refuses to have the cockle uprooted, lest it pull up the wheat along with it.

Our Lord, the Good Man par excellence, for His own perfectly wise reasons, allows wicked men to coexist with the good, until the harvest of souls at the end of time. Let this be our confidence, and let us not fear, for God our Father has numbered even the last of the hairs on our heads. May the good God bless you and your families!

In the Love of the Holy Family, Jesus, Mary, and Joseph,

Fr. McCambridge, F.S.S.P.



“While men were asleep, his enemy came and oversowed cockle among the wheat.”

FRATERNITAS SACERDOTALIS SANCTI PETRI

“Qui seminant in lacrimis, in exsultatione metent” (Ps 125, 5)



St. Francis of Assisi Church

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 5—11, 2017

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

SUNDAY, February 5, Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

8:30 am John Bohaty+
10:30 am *Pro Populo*

MONDAY, February 6, St. Titus, Bishop & Confessor

7 am Mary Beiriger+
8 am Celebrant's Intention

TUESDAY, February 7, St. Romauld, Abbot

7 am Arthur Dycus+
12:10 pm Celebrant's Intention

WEDNESDAY, February 8, St. John of Matha, Confessor

7 am Marlin McFadden Jr. & Children
8 am Celebrant's Intention

THURSDAY, February 9, St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop, Confessor & Doctor

7 am Celebrant's Intention
12:10 pm Celebrant's Intention

FRIDAY, February 10, St. Scholastica, Virgin

7:00 am Tara Azaroff
5:15 pm Celebrant's Intention

SATURDAY, February 11, Apparition of Our Lady of Lourdes

8:00 am Confraternity of Christian Mothers

SUNDAY, February 12, Septuagesima Sunday

8:30 am Members of St. Michael's Defense Guild
10:30 am *Pro Populo*

Regular Mass Schedule (For exceptions, see above.)

Monday & Wednesday	7 am, 8 am
Tuesday & Thursday	7 am, 12:10 pm
Friday	7 am, 5:15 pm
Saturday	8 am
Sunday	<i>Low Mass</i> 8:30 am <i>High Mass</i> 10:30 am

Confessions are heard one half-hour before each Mass, except the 8 am masses on Monday and Wednesday, and the First Friday 5:15 pm mass (unless otherwise noted). Confessions will be heard at other times by a reasonable request.

The Rosary is prayed one half-hour before each Sunday Mass.

Sorrowful Mother Novena (Dolorosary):

Friday 6:30 pm

Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament:

First Fridays: 8 am—4:50 pm, Dolorosary at 4:30 pm, Benediction at 5:00 pm.

Other Fridays: Holy Hour at 6 pm, Dolorosary at 6:30 pm, Benediction at 6:50 pm.

First Saturday: Simple Exposition for fifteen minutes following Mass.

Altar Guild

As announced

Coffee Social: After the 10:30 mass on Sunday

Catechism for Children (October-May)

Monday 7 - 8 pm

Confraternity of Christian Mothers (September-May)

After Mass on the second Saturday of the month

St. John Bosco Youth Group

One Saturday evening per month, plus a monthly service activity, each as announced.

Altar Boys' Meeting (September-May)

Second Saturday of the month 9 am

Choir

Wednesday 6 - 7:30 pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Welcome to Newcomers and Visitors to St. Francis Church! Please join us after the 10:30 mass for our Coffee Social.

The Blessing of Throats in honor of St. Blaise (February 3) is permitted to be given on the following Sunday, as well. Any who did not receive the blessing this past Friday may do so after mass today.

Vespers at the Seminary will be sung early today, at 4:30 pm.

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration will next be held Friday, March 3, 2017. The sign-up sheet is posted in the vestibule. Please be generous in devoting your time in adoration of Our Lord, and in reparation to His Sacred Heart!

Defunding Planned Parenthood: On Saturday, February 11, there will be gatherings nationwide to pray for the defunding of Planned Parenthood. In Lincoln, this will consist of a silent prayer vigil from 10:00-11:00 am at Planned Parenthood on 48th St., near Old Cheney Rd. Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council #7201.

Altar Guild and Social Committee Combined Meeting: In the hopes of getting better-organized at St. Francis the kinds of work for which a woman's touch is most helpful, such as the care of sacred linens and vestments, adornment of the altar, flower arrangements, and preparing for social events and hospitality, there will be a meeting at 12:15 on Sunday, February 19, for all the ladies currently involved in such work, or wishing to share in it. May God bless you for your kind willingness to help!

Conference on Prayer: Fr. Jacque Philippe, internationally known author and retreat master, will speak on "Personal prayer and a deep with relationship with God" at the St. Thomas Aquinas Newman Center, Lincoln, 8:00 PM, Monday, February 20. Includes Adoration and a brief reception with Fr. Philippe. Free will offering. Father's books have sold over 500,000 copies, and will be available for sale. Visit his website at www.frjacquesphilippe.com.

Mass Requests: The backlog of masses already requested is sufficient to fill the calendar through July, so no request envelopes will be available for the time being. Anyone desiring to request a mass, please contact Fr. McCambridge.

Please Pray for the Sick and Suffering: Elise Clarke, Debra Bergfeld, Jennifer Wachter, Jerry Vilda, Shirley Bauer, Michael Ostry, Fr. Calvin Goodwin, FSSP, Patrick Hornback (brother of Mrs. Liz Feuerborn), Mr. Whitfield (father of Mrs. Nicolette Spicer), Ruth Phelan (mother of Mrs. Cindy Ecoff), Barbara McMeekin (mother of Mrs. Jennifer Butcher), Fr. Philip Gerard Johnson.

FINANCES

Collection for Sunday January 29:	\$1868.60
Collection counters February 5:	John Quinto and Rex Mulholland
Collection counters February 12:	Dan Fix and Frank Feuerborn

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI DRESS CODE

To dress becomingly for God and neighbor, and in keeping with the reverence due to the Blessed Sacrament, kindly refrain from wearing shorts, tee-shirts, tank-tops, revealing blouses, sleeveless or backless dresses, or form-fitting clothing of any sort. Please do let dresses and skirts fall below the knee. With due regard to time and circumstance, all are encouraged to wear decorous attire befitting sacred and divine worship.